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Talbot in Omaha. (Introduced teachers.) They're in the north balcony. Would you please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Janssen, followed by Senators Robinson, Hillman, Wehrbein and Hartnett.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. You know, we're talking about \$9.7 million per year, Senator Hillman, and if you would answer...get a little dialogue with me here, and that is no school...or no ESU would receive less than 2.5 percent of that...of that fund. Am I correct? Now this was in...in last year's (sic) bill, (LB) 1110.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Senator Janssen, I don't know...I think that appropriation as far as services, as far as I can remember and how that money is divided up will depend upon numbers and students. I don't know that if one of the three core costs more than the other. I thought they were prioritized on a one-two-three basis. I don't that it was all divided up a third and a third and a third, for those three core services.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, do the...

SENATOR HILLMAN: What would happen here is the plan for technology training would come through the councils and then through the Department of Ed and then to the region. I can't see that it would address the individual distribution of money to those regions at all.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh. The way...the way I understand it, and reading...looking back at the old bill, (inaudible), why they used the fall membership figures in determining how, you know, how the money is...is divided up and I imagine it would be on some type of a scale the way that the money they have left. First of all, though, they have to have 2.5 percent, that's what the bill said. No ESU would receive less than 2.5 percent. And then they used the fall figures, fall membership figures to figure from there. What...and I'm looking at this like, all right, now why...yeah, we give state aid to local schools. All right. So, we really don't ask them how that money is spent. I mean, there again, you have an elected school board to take care of those decisions on how...how state money is...is used within